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GUY JOHNSON MAY BECOME AS FAMOUS AS HIS NAMESAKE

Young Pitcher Secured From Sedalia Comes Well Touted.

HAS SIZE AND WEIGHT

Jack Flynn Was Among Leading Batters in American Association.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

If Guy Johnson, the young giant from Vandallia, Ill., is just half as good a pitcher as his friends represent him to be, Manager Griffith, another most valuable addition was made to the Nationals' pitching staff when he was signed.

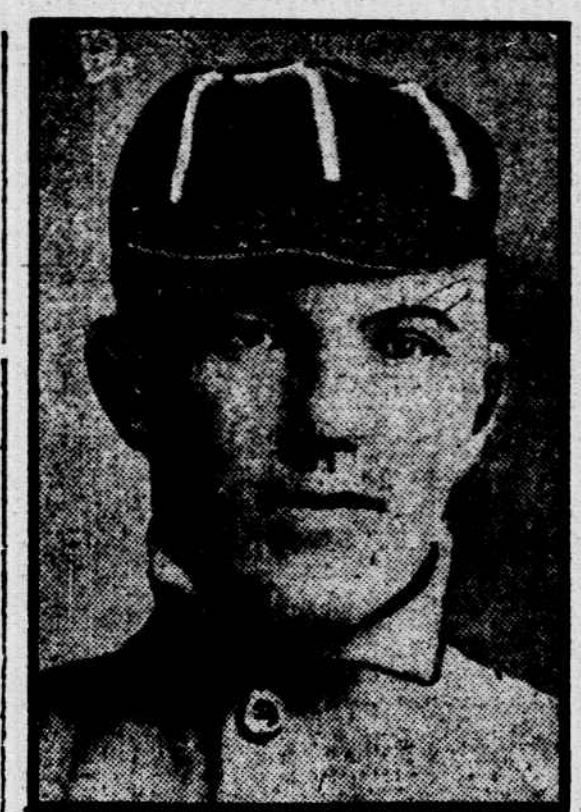
Johnson is but twenty years old, and aside from making quite a record in independent ball has never had any professional experience, yet his size and build is such that there is no doubt he has a bright future before him. Johnson is six feet one and weighs in the neighborhood of 180. He is described as having terrific speed and everything else which goes to make a major league pitcher.

President Walsh of Johnson through Vice Griffith heard of the local club, who was tipped off to the youngster by a friend who lives in Vandallia. Since signing him Griffith has had a number of letters from persons who have seen Johnson pitch, and they are congratulating the local manager on his acquisition and predict that he is sure to develop into a star.

Young pitchers are decidedly popular with Griffith. In fact, he prefers those who have had but little experience because they will have any way to go and are easily to be taught his system of the art.

That Jack Flynn showed to good advantage in the short time that he played in the American Association last fall is shown by the official averages as published in Spalding's Record, just out, which give him a batting average of .325 in twenty games and two doubles, a triple and a home run and stole five bases. This is a splendid performance when the fact is taken into consideration that up to the time that Flynn joined St. Paul, near the end of the season, he had been warming the bench for Pittsburgh all season and was naturally not in his best form. Those who are familiar with Flynn's playing are positive in their prediction that he will not even be pushed to become the regular first baseman of the Nationals.

Joe Boehling, the Richmond youngster, to whom Manager Griffith sent a contract a few days ago, wrote Griffith yesterday stating that he was perfectly satisfied with the terms offered, but he would like to have some information as to what disposition would be made of him in the event that he did not make good here. With leagues spread from coast to coast and the game far up into Canada, Griffith does not feel that he can give any definite answer to the



GUY JOHNSON.

youngster, and he informed him to this effect, but expressed the wish that it would not be necessary to send him anywhere after he once joins the team.

Mike Kahoe, like all other scouts, is the recipient of many tips on ball players. Nearly every day he gets a letter or two telling him where there is a player the Nationals ought to have. Most of these tips are the result of an inspection of the batting averages of some of the minor leagues, and if these were to be followed Griffith would soon have a string of freaks on his list. The other day Mike got a tip on a player named Hy Ladd who plays with a small team in the east and who incidentally bats around the 500 mark every season. But Mike has been in base ball long enough to remember Ladd, who he says is not a bit less than fifty-four years old, a gray man who finds it difficult to walk, let alone run, but has never lost the knack of hitting the ball. Ladd was tipped off to the early eighties, yet he was tipped off to Kahoe as a youngster who was a wonderful hitter.

Griffith has not definitely decided whether he will send one of his catchers to the team to sign. His contract reached Griffith this morning, together with a letter in which the terms offered, and giving assurance that the player who will beat him out of a regular outfield position on the team will have to be so much better. This makes eight players who are in the fold.

JACK JOHNSON DEFIANT.

Says He Will Box in New York in Spite of Commissioner O'Neil.

CHICAGO, January 12.—"No one is going to stop me from boxing in New York if I want to," said Johnson yesterday when informed of Commissioner Frank O'Neil's attitude toward him. "I am a free-born American and have as much right as the next man to box in New York or anywhere else as long as the law permits it. What right has O'Neil to tell me I cannot box there when he allows other men to put on the gloves? It's ridiculous. I expect to go to New York next week and may appear in a theater, or I may rent a place myself and put on an exhibition. I defy O'Neil to stop me. If he puts the damper on me he will have to close the game. I have boxed on the level all the time and no one has any right to draw the line for me just because I am a colored man. And they are not going to do it unless the governor sends word to close the game. Then I won't box."

CARNEY CRAWLS UP ON CHAMPION DE ORO

Makes 63 Points While Cuban Scores 50, in Three-Cushion Match.

DENVER, January 12.—Joseph Carney, Pacific coast champion, last night cut thirteen points from the lead obtained Wednesday night by Alfred De Oro, world's champion three-cushion billiardist, in the second block of their 150-point match for the title and the Lathrop trophy. Carney scored sixty-three points to the champion's fifty.

The score standing, De Oro, 100; Carney, 88. Wednesday night, De Oro scored 50 to Carney's 25.

The final block of the match will be played tonight.

De Oro continued to rely on his safety plays, which were so successful Wednesday night, but he did not execute his shots as well, while Carney was in better stroke than in the first block.

Play last night was much slower, 100 innings being required to make the block of 50. At the nineteenth inning Carney was only nine points behind the champion. De Oro's high run was 6; Carney's 5.

It is said that Col. Dreyfus intends to get rid of Second Lieutenant Miller before spring. Miller was a great disappointment in 1911. Not only did he fall away lamentably in hitting, but he was the poorest fielding second sacker in Tom Lynch's league. Miller has never been himself since he injured his leg in 1910.

PERTINENT COMMENT ON Happenings in Sportdom

BY J. ED GRILLO.

If Jack Johnson figured on replenishing his coffers by his trip to this country, he may be in line for some real disappointment. It appears to be as good as settled now that Johnson will not be allowed to take part in any of these easy money limited round affairs on which he has been figuring, and it is by no means certain that he can pull off his scrap with Jim Flynn out in Nevada, so that his native land does not offer him any very glowing opportunities and the chances are he will have to hike elsewhere to get the money. The barron of Johnson by the New York boxing commission will prove a hard blow to the champion. There was no real chance to get a lot of money there by meeting several of the hopeful class in limited round bouts, but the latest ruling eliminates these opportunities.

That the ruling was for the best of the sport in New York goes without saying, just as soon as the champion is advertised to appear in a boxing match the element which opposes this sport get busy and it usually results in putting a lot of money into the pockets of every promoter in New York realized that a lot of money could be made by having Johnson appear against most anybody, and yet these very promoters brought influence to bear to have him kept out of New York for fear that he

coming there would put the ban on the fight game in that state.

Present indications are that the next American League race will be much more hotly contested than was the last. It was virtually a shut-out between the Athletics and Tigers last year, and not much of a one at that, but there is a chance for several other teams to break into the limelight next season.

Boston, for instance, should be stronger than ever before. The return of Jake Stahl has plugged up one hole through which victories slipped last season, and in addition there is a better pitching staff at the Hub now than has been there in several years.

New York is not apt to go as poorly as it did last season. Under Wagner's management the team will very likely take a brace, and while it cannot be figured as having permanent chances, still it will prove troublesome, and has a chance for a first division berth. Detroit, of course, will be a contender, though unless its pitchers are in better form than last season Jennings' team is not going to be dangerous. But the teams most to be feared are Cleveland and Chicago. That Cleveland team, if it has any breaks and is fortunate enough to get a consistent performer at third base, cannot be kept out of the hunt. On the form those Nap pitchers showed last season, and they are youngsters, they ought to be as good a staff as there is in the circuit, and good pitchers, with two 400 hitters like Lajoie and Jackson to back them up, they should make a winning team.

Chicago will be largely experimental, but there is a splendid nucleus there for a pennant winner. There is little hope for St. Louis, and there is no occasion for figuring that the Nationals can finish much higher than they did in 1911.

The Nationals' position in the race will depend almost entirely on Griffith's success in developing youngsters. If he is fortunate enough to pick up a good man or two, he will have a fairly good ball team, which will be hard to beat. If his youngsters fall down, as did the entire batch last season, then it will be as good as settled that the Nationals are unable to prevent the Browns from forging ahead of his team.

But Griffith has given indications of eventually being a success, because of his determination to build up a young team. For years the effort was to put on a team that would win with cast-offs, and it is needless to say that this proved a failure. Griffith's system is sure to be more successful than was the former plan, but there may be no substantial evidence of it the first year of his regime here.

Unless the Jockey Club comes to the realization of its own weakness, and does not attempt to control a sport in which it has no representation, it is very apt to suffer the humiliation of being absolutely ignored by race tracks and horsemen around New York, where it was the ambition of all horsemen to race. It was but nature who those who controlled these tracks could rule the sport the country over with an iron hand. But since there is no operation in the territory over which the Jockey Club should preside it is assuming much when it tries to control the sport, and it is miles away what they ought to do.

The Jockey Club served its purpose so long as it controlled the sport, but it will be convinced of its own condition by a stand which the horsemen are sure to take.

Just how much chance Flynn will have in the proposed match with Jack Johnson is perhaps best shown when his former fight with the colored champion is recalled. Flynn did not land a blow on Johnson in that battle, which took place in 1904. Johnson just kidded with him, laughing at his efforts to reach him. Flynn finally lost his temper and called Johnson a name, whereupon the laugh left Johnson's face and he got down to business. Result, a knockout, and that when he was trying in only one round.

Bert Hough has been made manager of the Monmouth team of the Central Association. Claude Stark will probably be retained as a catcher.

WILL MEET NAVY.

Georgetown Tennis Team to Play Sailors This Spring.

Manager McQuillen of the Georgetown University tennis team announced last evening that he had concluded arrangements with the Navy Tennis Association for a match to be held on the 21st of April at Annapolis. This will be the first year the Blue and Gray university has taken up the sport, and from the present enthusiasm that is being manifested on the Hilltop the West Enders will be represented by a good racket outfit.

Tennis will be started on the heights early in the spring and Manager McQuillen expects to have his new court finished by the opening of the coming season. The Blue and Gray manager is also arranging matches with several other colleges, the principal of which is the University of Virginia. With the exception of the Navy, all the local college tennis outfits will be seen in action on the Hilltop courts, and several return matches will be scheduled.

NAUTILUS CLUB'S TRIALS.

Held to Decide Who Will Swim Against Baltimore Team.

The trials for the swimming team to represent the Nautilus Swimming Club of the Washington Y. M. C. A. in the inter-city swimming meet Thursday, January 18, 1912, were held in the association pool last night. The events and men to swim are as follows:

Relay race—Bannan, Ansley, Rutherford, Miller and Cutts.
50-yard Junior—Edmondstone and Carrick.
50-yard Junior—Ansley and Cutts.
100-yard swim—Bannan and Cutts.
200-yard swim—Bannan, Cutts and Wood.
300-yard swim—Bannan, Cutts and Wood.
50-yard back stroke—Hansen, Bunnell and Wood.
80-yard breast stroke—Hansen, Bunnell and Wood.
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Eleventh & F Streets

Pat Dougherty, the veteran outfielder of the White Sox, will be turned over to some American Association club if Co-miskey is successful in securing waivers.

McIntyre, Rodie and Callahan will form the outer trio of the Chicagoes in 1912 unless some of the youngsters oust one or more of the three.

Joseph M. Cummings, formerly editor of the Sporting News, has been made secretary of the Texas League and assistant to the president.